Joyce Herman, Director LifeCare Alliance Meals-on-Wheels Program May 6, 2005

Welcome to Ohio's 2005 White House Conference on Aging Solutions Forum. This solutions forum will center its discussion around nutrition issues and getting services to seniors and seniors to services. This unique event is intended to produce recommendations to the White House Conference on Aging concerning policy recommendations to guide national aging policy over the next decade.

The leading edge of baby boomers will begin to turn 60 within two years. The 2005 White House Conference on Aging will focus on opportunities and challenges presented by the "new" 60+ population of 78 million as well as consider issues that impact the mature older population.

This forum will be a voice that hopefully will be heard in Washington D.C. from Ohioans offering solutions focusing on nutrition that will guide national aging policy for the next decade! We have received hundreds of comment cards from Seniors throughout Ohio voicing their opinions.

My name is Joyce Herman, President of the Older Ohioans Nutrition Network. On behalf of the members of this nutrition networking group, I would like to welcome all of you. I would like to acknowledge LifeCare Alliance for co-sponsoring this event. I want to thank Accu-Temp, Columbus Prescription, and Vista Care for their donations of beverages. Please visit their tables outside of the auditorium. Lunch is being provided by LA Catering, a branch of LifeCare Alliance's Meals-on-Wheels Program.

The Agenda will consist of guest speakers that will provide us with National and State information, and panel speakers that will discuss solutions. Question and Answer periods will follow each presenter.